

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Barrett on 12-17-2009.
3. The application has been amended as follows: Amend claims 7 and 14 below:

Claim 7 (currently amended): Claim 7 (currently amended):

A method for stirring and eventually foaming a liquid in a vessel, .the method comprising the steps of:

passing the liquid through a liquid delivery outlet tube~ (64) which i~ the outlet tube rotatable at a determined speed so that an emerging liquid jet is provided with a corresponding centrifugal effect;

providing a magnetic member on an exterior of the outlet tube; and

locating an electromagnet arrangement outside the magnetic member to create a magnetic field configured to drive the magnetic member and tube together in rotation;

wherein the electromagnet arrangement consists of at least three electromagnets, one pole of which is directed towards the magnetic member, and activating the electromagnets in turn to cause a mouth of the outlet tube to move along

an approximately circular path and the emerging liquid jet to describe a corresponding closed path in the drinking vessel.

Claim 9 (CANCELLED)

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 7 [8], comprising the step of supplying the liquid under pressure using a pump.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 7 [8], comprising the step of adjusting a speed of rotation of the outlet tube by a control unit.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 7 [8], comprising the step of cleaning and washing by flushing water through the outlet tube.

Claim 14 (CANCELLED).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony G. Soohoo whose telephone number is (571) 272 1147. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-5PM, Tues-Fri.

5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Walter Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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